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At 0930 on January 17, 2012, a conference call was held with EPA (Superfund), US Army, and Louisiana State Police (LSP). The operational update provided by LSP is that storage space at Camp Minden for the M6 Propellant is exhausted and 3.5-3.7 million pounds of M6 Propellant remains unsecured, requiring a minimum safe distance of 4,000 feet. EXPLO is exhausting all options to obtain additional storage space through contracts at off-site vendors. LSP has sampled/analyzed all of the propellant on-site (not in magazines) and will continue to assess the propellant stored in the magazines. The US Army Representative continues to promote utilizing non-DOD resources such as National Guard, LSP, and anything EXPLO can provide; despite the responses of non-existent resources or unavailable funding from these entities. US Army claimed that per statute (10 USC 2629), "DOD cannot house "non-DOD" material at a DOD installation" and that the M6 Propellant was no longer "DOD material" based on the contract between EXPLO and DOD. EPA continues to request copies of contracts, lease agreements and evidence/documentation from DOD and Louisiana National Guard. EPA legal counsel continue to coordinate with attorneys with Louisiana National Guard and DOD (US Army) and will investigate/pursue the claims of DOD listed above. On January 23, 2012, EPA, US Army, LSP, LDEQ and National Guard will attend a meeting at Camp Minden to discuss ongoing and future operations at EXPLO Systems. EPA also suggested scheduling regular/weekly conference calls to discuss ongoing operational needs at EXPLO Systems with all involved parties.

Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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